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SUBJECT: JWG ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE: SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF DECISIONS REACHED AT THE SECOND
SESSION OF THE JOINT EGYPTIAN-US WORKING GROUP ON
EDUCATION AND CULTURE HELD IN CAIRO OCTOBER 24-27, 1974:

1. THE EGYPTIAN-U.S. WORKING GROUP ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE
HELD ITS SECOND MEETING IN CAIRO OCTOBER 24-27, 1974. THE
EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WAS CHAIRED BY DR. HASSAN ISMAIL,
RECTOR OF CAIRO UNIVERSITY AND THE AMERICAN DELEGATION
BY WILLIAM HITCHCOCK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

2. FOLLOWING A DETAILED REVIEW OF THE 1962 AGREEMENT ON
CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, THE DELEGATIONS CONCLUDED THAT
THIS AGREEMENT REMAINED IN FORCE AND PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT
BASIS ON WHICH TO BUILD THE EXPANDED CULTURAL AND
EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE THE
OBJECTIVES OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. ON THE SUBJECT OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
EXCHANGES AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT
PROJECTS TO BE INITIATED BEFORE JULY 1, 1975:

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A. THE UNITED STATES TO INVITE AN EGYPTIAN LEADER IN

EACH OF THE FOUR FOLLOWING AREAS OF EDUCATION: CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT; TECHNIQUES OF EVALUATION, ESPECIALLY EXAMINATIONS; CONCEPTS OF TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL; AND GENERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD CHOOSE AND MADE AVAILABLE OUTSTANDING PERSONS FOR THESE GRANTS AND WOULD IDENTIFY SPECIALIZED AREAS ON WHICH THEY WISHED THE VISITS CONCENTRATED. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD ARRANGE PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD AFFORD BROAD CONTACT WITH AMERICAN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN THE DESIGNATED FIELDS OF INTEREST.

B. THE UNITED STATES TO CONSULT WITH UNESCO REGARDING A PENDING EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR A CENTER FOR TEACHER EDUCATION WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING AN EARLY DECISION ON THE PROJECT.

C. HIGH PRIORITY TO BE GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES TO ASSIST ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAMS OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION AT AIN SHAMS UNIVERSITY. INITIAL EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO IMPROVING THE TRAINING OF EGYPTIAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AND WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF AN AMERICAN EXPERT WHO WOULD VISIT CAIRO IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO ASSIST THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AND AIN SHAMS UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION. SUBJECT TO THE OUTCOME OF THESE CONSULTATIONS IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT AMERICAN SPECIALISTS WOULD BE APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE STAFF OF THE CENTER AT AIN SHAMS AND THAT INITIALLY FIVE AMERICAN SPECIALISTS WOULD BE SO APPOINTED. DURING THE ENSUING FIVE-YEAR PERIOD OF AMERICAN STAFF ASSISTANCE AT THE CENTER, SELECTED EGYPTIANS WOULD BE OFFERED ADVANCED TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES SO THAT EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL COULD REPLACE THE AMERICAN SPECIALISTS.

D. ORGANIZED ATTENTION TO BE GIVEN TO THE STUDY ABOUT EACH COUNTRY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THIS PROGRAM, TO BE OF EXTENDED DURATION, WOULD CONCENTRATE INITIALLY ON A REVIEW OF THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN STANDARD TEXTBOOKS UTILIZED IN EACH COUNTRY. CONSIDERATION WAS ALSO GIVEN, THOUGH SPECIFIC DECISIONS WERE DEFERRED, ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A LIMITED

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NUMBER OF EXCHANGES OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEACHERS AT A LATER DATE.

E. THE UNITED STATES TO INVITE THREE EGYPTIAN PROFESSORS TO LECTURE AT AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN AREAS OF EGYPTIAN SPECIALIZATION TO BE DETERMINED THROUGH CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN CAIRO.

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F. POST DOCTORAL RESEACH GRANTS TO BE GIVEN TO TWO OUTSTANDING EGYPTIAN SENIOR SCHOLORS OR EXPERTS OUTSIDE THE FIELD OF EDUCATION. THE AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION ALSO WERE TO BE DECIDED THROUGH CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS IN CAIRO.

G. TO OFFER A SPECIAL GRANT IN THE FIELD OF ARCHIVE MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS A SEPARATE GRANT IN MUSEUM MANAGEMENT.

H. TO RECRUIT THREE AMERICAN PROFESSORS TO TEACH IN EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES IN FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON. THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT ONE OF THESE BE AN EXPERT IN AMERICAN STUDIES.

I. TWO AMERICAN PROFESSORS TO COME TO EGYPT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW CENTER TO LECTURE IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW.

J. TO COMPLETE A PROJECT ALREADY INITIATED INVOLVING A VISIT TO THE U.S. EARLY IN 1975 BY TEN MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENT TO BE SELECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT.

K. IN FURTHERANCE OF EGYPTIAN PLANS FOR A PERFORMING

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ARTS CENTER TO REPLACE THE FORMER CAIRO OPERA HOUSE THE UNITED STATES TO OFFER GRANTS FOR AN AMERICAN VISIT BY A GROUP OF FOUR OR FIVE EGYPTIAN LEADERS AND SPECIALISTS TO BE CHOSEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT. THIS SPECIAL VISIT WOULD BE DESIGNED TO FACILITATE STUDY OF NUMEROUS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTERS, THEIR MANAGEMENT, PROGRAMMING AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE AS WELL AS TO CONSULT AMERICAN EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD.

L. THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE EXPERTS IN AMERICAN DRAMA, INCLUDING CHILDREN'S THEATER, TO CONDUCT A WORKSHOP WITH THEIR EGYPTIAN COLLEAGUES AT THE DRAMA INSTITUTE.

4. THE FOREGOING SPECIFIC EXCHANGES WERE SEEN BY BOTH DELEGATIONS AS THE BEGINNING OF A PROCESS DESIGNED TO ESTABLISH LONG-RANGE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SOCIETIES ON A FIRM BASIS. IT WAS CONFIDENTLY EXPECTED THAT ADDITIONAL EXCHANGES, INCLUDING THE FIELD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE PRODUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT, WOULD BE FINALIZED OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. IT WAS ALSO AGREED AS NECESSARY TO THE FULL REALIZATION OF OUR JOINT OBJECTIVES THAT EFFORTS NEEDED TO BE INITIATED NOW TO INVOLVE A VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT IN THESE ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS IN FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP.

5. DURING THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE, SPECIAL NOTE WAS TAKEN OF THE NUMEROUS PROGRAMS ALREADY UNDERWAY WHICH INVOLVE DIRECT OR INDIRECT SUPPORT BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, AND THE EXPECTATION WAS EXPRESSED THAT THESE WOULD CONTINUE. PARTICULAR REFERENCE IN THIS CONNECTION WAS MADE TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, THE AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER IN EGYPT, THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE MIDDLE EAST, THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION, THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO, AND THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH LEADERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS. THE U.S. DELEGATION ALSO NOTED THAT NUMEROUS PRIVATE

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AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS, COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT OF

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT, WERE WORKING IN EGYPT,
A NOTABLE EXAMPLE BEING THE FORD FOUNDATION. THE
DELEGATION EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THESE TYPES OF
PROJECTS WOULD CONTINUE AND EXPAND.

6. THE DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
JOINT WORKING GROUP WOULD BE HELD IN WASHINGTON IN LATE
MAY OF 1975 TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF THE FOREGOING
AGREED PROJECT AND THANHILY QLP SDK OWMG (#)
OF THE WORKING
GROUP WOULD BE CONVENED IN CAIRO SOMETIME IN JANUARY
1976, THE PRECISE DATES TO BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER
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